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SUBJECT: NATIONAL ELECTIONS - PARTIAL VOTER TURNOUT AS OF 1200

1. AS OF 1400 SPECIAL COMMISSARIAT FOR ADMINISTRATION HAD POSTED VOTER TURNOUT FIGURES FOR ONLY 25 OF THE 50 ELECTORAL JURISDICTIONS (THREE CITIES AND 22 PROVINCES). RETURNS WERE COMING IN SLOWLY BUT STEADILY. IT IS TOO EARLY TO DRAW DEFINITE CONCLUSIONS ABOUT THE NATIONWIDE TURNOUT BUT IT SHOULD BE SATISFACTORY, ALTHOUGH IT SHOULD FALL BELOW THE 80.8 PER CENT VOTER TURNOUT REGISTERED IN 1966 CA ELECTIONS. AT NOON NGUYEN DINH

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XUONG, DEPUTY COMMISSIONER FOR ADMINISTATION, TOLD EMB-
OFF HE THOUGHT FIGURE WOULD EXCEED 70 PER CENT.

2. IT NOW APPEARS CERTAIN THAT EXTENSIVE AND RUTHLESS VC CAM-
PAIGN OF TERROR AND HARRASSMENT HAS SUCCEDDED IN REDUCING

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VOTER TURNOUT SOMEWHAT, ESPECIALLY IN I CORPS. VOTER TURNOUT FIGURES FROM I CORPS ARE VERY SLOW IN COMING IN. XUONG HAS TOLD US THAT AT LEAST THREE VILLAGES IN QUANG TRI HAVE BEEN SO BADLY DISORGANIZED BY RECENT ENEMY ACTIVITY THAT POLLING COULD NOT BE HELD THERE TODAY. THESE ARE THE ONLY INSTANCES YET REPORTED OF POLLING HAVING BEEN DISRUPTED BY THE ENEMY.

3. SCA HAS ANNOUNCED VOTER TURNOUT AS OF NOON FOR THE FOLLOWING PROVINCES AND CITIES:

I CORPS:
QUANG NAM: 64,932 VOTERS, WHICH IS 42 PERCENT OF THOSE REGISTERED;

II CORPS:
CAM RANH: 16,039, 69 PER CENT

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KONTUM: 22,632, 47 PER CENT
LAM DONG: 16,056, 60 PER CENT
NINH THUAN: 33,351, 50 PER CENT
PLEIKU: 31,154, 40 PER CENT
TUYEN DUC: 18,927, 45 PER CENT

III CORPS:
SAIGON: 303,313, 40 PER CENT
VUNG TAU: 22,905, 64 PER CENT
BINH LONG: 12,664, 45 PER CENT
GIA DINH: 255,353, 45 PER CENT
LONG AN: 44,252, 59 PER CENT
PHUOC TUY: 31,252, 62 PER CENT

IV CORPS:
AN GIANG: 63,366, 61 PER CENT
BAC LIEU: 38,901, 57 PER CENT
CHAU DOC: 105,545, 58 PER CENT
CHUONG THIEN: 21,420 40 PER CENT

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DINDH TUONG: 62,322, 55 PER CENT
KIEN GIANG: 73,195, 55 PER CENT
KIEN HOA: 61,723, 52 PERCENT
KIEN PHONG: 63,467, 57 PER CENT
KIEN TUONG: 12,291, 71 PER CENT
PHONG DINH: 79,512, 55 PER CENT
SA DEC: 42,313, 43 PER CENT
VINH LONG: 76,888, 52 PER CENT

4. WE HAVE JUST RECEIVED I CORPS NOON VOTER TURNOUT FIGURES FROM EMBOFF IN DA NANG. AS EXPECTED, QUANG TRI AND THUA THIEN ARE VERY LOW:
QUANG TRI 22 PERCENT;
THUA THIEN 39 PERCENT;
HUE 44 PERCENT;
DANANG 72 PERCENT;
QUANG TIN 56 PERCENT;
QUANG NGAI 53 PERCENT.
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